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IRANIAN AIR FORCE JETS SCRAMBLED

ATTEMPT TO FIRE ON UFO FAILS

Shortly after midnight on September 19, 1976, the Iranian Air Force command post in Tehran, Iran started receiving calls from local citizens reporting a strange object in the sky. The object was variously described as, "Bird-like," "A bright light," and "A helicopter with a shining light." The command post duty officer, knowing there were no helicopters in the area, called B.G. Yousefit, Assistant Deputy Commander of Operations for instructions. Yousefi told the citizens that they were observing a star. However, after talking with control tower personnel, he decided that possibly something unusual was being observed and that he should see for himself.

The object he saw was like a star but much bigger and brighter. So much so that he made the decision to scramble a F-4 jet from Shahrokhi Air Force Base to investigate.

F-4 INTERCEPTION WITH UFO

At 1:30 AM the F-4 sped down the Shahrokhi runway for a take off to intercept the UFO. The crew headed north of Tehran toward the brilliant light 70 miles ahead of them. The flight proceeded uneventfully for about 40 miles, but as the F-4 continued its intercept path all communications and instrumentation (intercommunication and UHF) were suddenly lost. The pilot immediately changed course, breaking off the intercept, and headed back for Shahrokhi. After the F-4 turned away from the UFO the jet regained all communications and instrumentation. Was the F-4 no longer a threat?

SECOND INTERCEPTION ATTEMPT MADE

A second F-4 took off at 1:40 AM in an attempt to accomplish what the first jet had failed to do . . . identify the UFO. As this F-4 neared the UFO, radar contact was made by the crew. The size of the radar return was about the same as a return from a 707 jet aircraft. The size of the UFO was difficult to determine visually because of its brilliance. The relative speeds of the F-4 and the UFO were such that the jet was drawing closer at a rate of 150 nautical MPH.

As the F-4, flying at a speed greater than Mach I, reached the same distance from the UFO that the prior communication loss occurred, the UFO increased its speed. This acceleration of the UFO was confirmed visually and by the aircraft's instrument board radar. The pilot (Lt. Fafari) was unable to close the distance and paced the UFO through Iran's clear night sky. The crew followed the intensely brilliant UFO and noted its light was like flashing strobe lights arranged in a rectangular pattern. The lights were alternating blue, green, red and orange in color. The flashing of the lights was so rapid that all colors could be seen at the same time.

The UFO and the pursuing F-4 were on a course taking them south of Tehran when suddenly another smaller brilliant object came out of the UFO.

F-4 MISSILE FAILS TO FIRE

This second object came directly toward the pursuing F-4 traveling at a very high rate of speed. The pilot started to fire an AIM-9 missile at the rapidly approaching object, but at the moment his weapons control panel went off and simultaneously he lost all communications.

With no other defense left, the pilot turned sharply and put the F-4 into a dive in an attempt to evade the projectile from the UFO. This maneuver was not successful since as the F-4 continued its diving turn, the object changed course and trailed the jet briefly at a distance estimated to be 3 to 4 miles. It then increased its speed, went to the inside of the jets turn, and climbed back to rejoin the "Mother ship."

PART OF UFO APPEARS TO CRASH

After the projectile returned to the "Mother ship," the crew of the F-4 terminated the evasive maneuvers and again followed the object. The weapon control panel and communications aboard the F-4 were again operative.

As the crew watched and chased the rapidly moving UFO, another object appeared to emerge from its side and dive at a great speed toward the earth far below. The men directed their attention toward this diving object in anticipation of a large explosion upon impact. However, instead of exploding, the object appeared to come to rest gently in the hills below. The "Mother ship" sped away at a rate estimated to be many times the speed of sound.

The resting object was casting a very bright light over an area estimated to be 2 - 3 kilometers in diameter. The pilot brought his F-4 down through the upper atmosphere and circled at a safe altitude above the UFO until the light went out. While circling, the crew carefully noted the position of the object on the ground.

The F-4 headed back to its base guided by a crew that was having difficulty in regaining their night vision after viewing the brilliant UFO. During their return they noted a great deal of UHF radio interference, and they completely lost all communications each time they passed through a certain magnetic bearing. A civil airliner that was approaching the area during this same time also experienced communication problems when on the same magnetic bearing. The crew of this aircraft did not see the UFO.

The F-4 crew still had not regained their night vision upon their arrival at the base. After circling the field a few times, they decided to go out for a long, gradual straight in landing. While on their long approach, the crew noticed a cylinder shaped object about the size of a jet fighter coming toward them at a higher altitude. The object had bright lights on each end and a flashing light in the center. In response to a radio inquiry control tower personnel stated that no other air traffic was known to be in the area. This object passed above the F-4 while tower personnel attempted to make visual contact. The sighting was confirmed when the pilot directed the ground watchers attention to the proper portion of the night sky.

DAYLIGHT INSPECTION OF LANDING SITE

Shortly after dawn on September 19, the F-4 crew boarded a helicopter to return to the site of the UFO landing. No trace of the landing was found at the site (a dry lake bed), but the area is being checked for possible changes in radiation levels.

The helicopter left the area and circled off to the west. As they were leaving the site, the helicopter radio started picking up a very noticible beeper signal. Near the point where the signal was being received most clearly, the crew noticed an isolated farm house. They landed and asked the resident if he had noticed anything unusual the night before. The farmer replied that he had noticed a loud sound and a very bright light in the area of the landing site.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Every important policy making and investigative branch of the United States Government is aware of this excellent report, but no public announcements have been made. A great deal of political rhetoric covers the public's right to know, but when it comes to UFO activity, the public is only informed by private organizations.

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MEMOS FOR MEMBERS

The NICAP office must regretfully inform its members that the lapel pin and the UFO photo package which was offered to the membership is no longer available. Because we had such a tremendous response to these offers, our inventory has been depleted completely.

There will be other exciting products offered to the NICAP membership in the future. Keep watching for these limited offers which will be made available through the UFO INVESTIGATOR.

The NICAP Board of Governors and the National Office Staff extends a warm wish for a very pleasant Thanksgiving holiday to all of our members.

It has been our experience that when UFO sightings have been observed there is a considerable amount of time lapse between the sighting and the receipt of the UFO report form. In order to expedite the investigative process, a report form has been printed herein for your convenience.

NEED A TAX DEDUCTION?

At this time each year, many individuals are considering tax planning for their 1976 income. May we suggest that you consider a tax-deductable donation to NICAP as part of your planning. Any amount is helpful and will enable NICAP to continue their research projects and begin new ones which would otherwise remain undone due to lack of funds. NICAP needs your support.

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REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(S)

This form includes questions asked by the United States Air Force and by other Armed Forces' investigating agencies, and additional questions to which answers are needed for full evaluation by NICAP.

After all the information has been fully studied, the conclusion of our Evaluation Panel will be published by NICAP in its regularly issued magazine or in another publication. Please try to answer as many questions as possible. Should you need additional room, please use another sheet of paper. Please print or typewrite. Your assistance is of great value and is genuinely appreciated. *Thank you.*

1. Name — Place of Employment
   Address — *Occupation*
   Date of birth
   Education
   Special Training
   Telephone — *Military Service*
2. Date of Observation — Time — AM — PM — Time Zone
3. Locality of Observation
4. How long did you see the object? _____ Hours_____ Minutes_____ Seconds
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc.
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you.
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible?
8. Were there more than one object? If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.
9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc.? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary.
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky?
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc.
12. Did the object(s) — *(Please elaborate, if you can give details.)*
    a. Appear to stand still at any time?
    b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
    c. Break up into parts or explode?
    d. Give off smoke?
    e. Leave any visible trail?
    f. Drop anything?
    g. Change brightness?
    h. Change shape?
    i. Change color?
13. Did object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? *If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible.*
14. Was there any wind? If so, please give direction and speed.
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? What?
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? What kind? How loud?
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —
    a. Fuzzy or blurred. b. Like a bright star. c. Sharply outlined.
18. Was the object — a. Self-luminous? b. Dull finish? c. Reflecting? d. Transparent?
19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion?
20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:
    a. Pinhead b. Pea c. Dime d. Nickel e. Half dollar f. Silver dollar g. Orange h. Grapefruit i. Larger

    Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)?

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time?

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view?

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude.

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate.

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch.

28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any.

29. What do you think you saw?

a. Extraterrestrial device?
b. UFO?
c. Planet or star?
d. Aircraft?
e. Satellite?
f. Hoax?
g. Other? (Please specify).

30. Please describe your feelings and reactions during the sighting. Were you calm, nervous, frightened, apprehensive, awed, etc.? If you wish your answer to this question to remain confidential, please indicate with a check mark. (Use a separate sheet if necessary)

31. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.

32. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area?

33. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper.

34. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you if requested.

35. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place.

Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully.

36. We should like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations to NICAP. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill in all parts of the form, for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation.

You may use my name. ( ) Please keep my name confidential. ( )

37. Date of filling out this report Signature: